

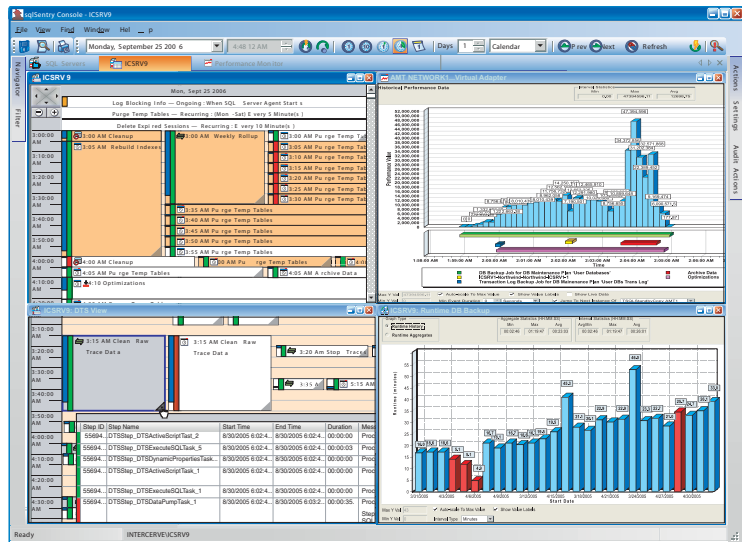


2005 Readers' Choice Awards

Administration Tools Keep SQL Server Running Smoothly

IT departments can use administrative tools to take care of the day-to-day management of SQL Servers, leaving personnel free to do more. Many technologies provide automation of the more mundane tasks and alert DBAs when things go wrong with the server, even from halfway around the world. Other administration solutions let DBAs analyze and tune performance or smooth the data-migration process. In the administration tool categories, we saw some clear overall winners. Embarcadero, sqlSentry, and Quest Software won repeatedly in their categories. Let's take a look at who won and what they do best.

Best Alerting/Notification Software and Best Job Automation and Scheduling Tool. sqlSentry's alerting capability lets DBAs eliminate SQL Mail, receive more-detailed messages, and even vary responses by condition. The tool also offers graph and chart reporting of performance statistics and information about possible conflicts. sqlSentry does it again in job automation, this time winning by a 500 percent margin over its next-closest competitor. sqlSentry lets users schedule jobs efficiently through its Outlook-style calendar view of the job scheduler, then use Windows performance counters to monitor the jobs as they run. One voter called sqlSentry the "best on the market."



Best SQL Server Management Tools

Best Alerting/Notification Software

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